

THE COURIER

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Dr. Mason Letter Received by Society

Editor's Note: A letter by Dr. Moses Mason to his sister Mary Ann on 29 December 1833 was recently acquired by Life Member Michael S. Stowell and donated to the Society. We are grateful to Katherine Griffin of the Massachusetts Historical Society for her "translation" of Dr. Mason's very cryptic handwriting.

Washington City
December 29, 1833

My dear Mary Ann

I received yours with much pleasure. You need not have any fears in addressing a letter [to an] M. C. [Member of Congress] as you expressed. I will not give you a particular account of my journey but say that I came on in five days from Augusta as was not traveling [fast five] came by water three hundred and by land three hundred miles traveled on the railroad[,] drove by steam at the rate of 16 miles at one time in 46 miles [.] [T]he expense of getting here was [\$]42.33[;] my pay for same [\$] 240.00. I have had sent to me from Uncle Sam to my room 12 quires of paper [24 or 25 sheets of paper of the same size and quality][.] a box of wafers [.] sand box [.] ink bottle [.] sealer [.] an ivory paper cutter and pen knife and ink stand [.] one doz. of pens [.] ready made sealing wax and [sofa] [not decipherable] and when out nothing to do but call and there will be more sent all free. Yesterday being Saturday Congress was not in session so I went to visit the President [Andrew Jackson] as is the custom of all new members. I found him in a magnificent house [.] was introduced into his rooms by the Cherokee Indian you probably have heard of.

Found him [President Jackson] smoking his pipe. He rose politely. After shaking hand said to me[.] ["Well Mr. Mason I am glad to see you was expecting about this time."] Enquired of me in regard to the State of Maine. He of all men that I ever saw the most striking appearance of greatness. He is tall and slim of a [not decipherable] feature his hair almost

white and very thick stands erect on his head and something long.

Now I will answer your letter in regard to having him in the family. I have made friends with Major J. [Jack] Downing [pseudonym of political satirist Seba Smith, who was born in Buckfield, Maine in 1792 and died in 1868] as I came from way down east I found it very easy [.] He thinks that from what the Gen. understands about the Wid[ows?] he won[']t like to have [any of them] the Maj. thinks that he should not

let him see but one of them then see if he shan[']t. He thinks that it would be so difficult for him to determine with all his decisions he would not have either. You must write to the Major and tell him whether they smoke or not for he is of the opinion that unless they do he will not say a word to them. The Major thinks as I come down from the east I shall stand a fair chance to be Pres. and if he was not a candidate he would help me. He will help me to anything else. I will close now by subscribing myself your affectionate

Brother M. Mason Jr.

Brother Wight I have sent all I can think of on Politics to Mary Ann but if there should [be] anything [on us] of more than ordinary in the course of this session I will inform you. I expect my dear wife to visit you this winter. You must take care of her and by doing so you will confer a favor on her as well as myself. I have been here so short a time that I know of but little to say. I expect we shall have a

storm[y] time this winter[;] it is thought some dueling. Let them fight and be damned and they will for they must be if killed [in] a duel. You have seen [Col. Esq. Eames of _____] and I have seen John Q. Adams. I am pleased that you are both contented at Gil[manton]. Hope you will be blessed with all this world's good and with a rising family that will be blessing to Dad. and mam.

Yours affectionately,

M. M. [Jr.]
Write often

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Now that we have held our 38th annual meeting, it is important to pause and thank everyone for all their help in making the past year such a success. We accomplished much, but now must renew our resolve to continue the progress enjoyed during the past year. We should always strive to add new members as we did last year. We will continue to collect items from the past, and we expect to expand and develop further our programming, exhibits, courses, lectures, and special events. Additional volunteers are always welcome and much needed for our committee work and to help us with all our activities. I urge every member to get involved in some way, even if you live far from Bethel. You can help by recruiting new members, or encouraging gifts of historical or financial resources to the Society. There is something for everyone in our organization and I hope you will do your part in helping the Society move forward to newer heights of achievement and success.

Arlan R. Jodrey

ANNUAL FUND

Help keep the Society strong by making a gift to its Annual Fund Campaign. Tax deductible contributions help support its exhibits, special events, publications, and other programming. Gifts in any amount may be made throughout the year to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

Editor's Corner

Another Society year has passed and I would like to add my appreciation to all those who help us do so much each year. We try to recognize some of those who have served the Society over the years with our Noll Volunteer Service Award and our honorary memberships. In our member profile columns in *The Courier*, we feature volunteers who make a difference and try to include photos of members and visitors who take part and/or assist with our activities and programming.

SRH

Notes Regarding Bethel, Maine by

William A. Valentine

(continued from the last issue)

Father's Long Gun



My father had an uncle William Valentine and he had a rifle with a 42 inch long barrel and a stock made of handsome flamed maple but I suppose at that time there was no longer much use for a rifle so he had it rebored to make a shot gun out of it. I am sure it was originally a flint lock, but when Father had it, it had been altered to a percussion lock, but I cannot say whether this was done by Uncle William or before.

Uncle William died in 1852 and after his death the gun was bought from his widow Aunty Belle Valentine by an older brother Jones Valentine.

When Father went to Maine to live or sometime afterward Uncle Jones Valentine loaned the gun to Father and told him to keep it until he would call for it.

In 1881 when Father went on a visit to Mass. Uncle Charles asked Father to ask Uncle Jones V. to give him (Charles) the gun and Uncle Jones said he should never call for it. There were two bullet moulds which came with it that were used when it was a rifle. The large mould made 32 bullets to the pound and the smaller one 64. As the weight of a ball increases very rapidly with increase in diameter the smaller ball was not so very much smaller than the larger and I suppose could be used with a thicker patch when loading for small game. There was a space in the side of the butt covered with a brass cover where patches could be carried.

When I was a boy the gun hung on hooks over a closet doorway in the front hall and was kept loaded for use but as the boarders would meddle with it, it was finally kept in a closet out in the stable out of their way. This was the gun I first learned to shoot with and Charles had it at the old home until it was destroyed by fire in April 1905.

(to be continued in the next issue)



President Arlan Jodrey presents an honorary membership certificate to Mary Valentine at the 2003 Annual Meeting.

38th Annual Meeting

The 38th annual meeting of the Society was held on 11 September 2003 at the Society's Regional History Center. After a chicken barbecue on the grounds, more than forty members and friends adjourned to the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House for the annual meeting.

President Arlan Jodrey called the meeting to order. There was no Secretary's report of the last annual meeting as that was published in a previous issue of the Society's quarterly, *The Courier*. The president also announced that the 2002 financial report would be published in the quarterly later in the year as soon it available from the auditors [it is included in this issue on pages 6-8]. A moment of silence was observed for those members who had died since the last annual meeting: Schuyler Mott, Basil Seguin, Lyndell Carter, Eva Mills, Beulah Martins, Thelma Knight, Donald Stanley, Florine Bowden, Jim Anderson, Mansfield Packard, Beatrice Brown, Paul Kailey, Randal Stevens, Carolyn Brooks, Mae Maddix, Stanley Coolidge, Dorothy Clarke Wilson, Alan Abbott, Harlan Hutchins, Richard Hosterman, Pearline McMillin, Linda Foster, James Locke and Dewey Thayer.

In his review of some of the highlights since the last annual meeting, President Jodrey cited 67 new individual and 5 new business/corporate members added to the rolls, over 75 donations of artifacts and other historical materials, the hosting by the Society of several special events, the receipt of the Barbara Willey bequest of \$112,500 for endowment of the Dr. Moses Mason House, the publication of a Society cookbook, the hosting of a very successful book signing for Bob Spidell's *Pynelis Journals*, the opening of the "Middle Ground" exhibit, and the publication of Society Curator of Collections Randall Bennett's book on the White Mountains.

The president announced that four individuals had been selected by the Trustees to become Honorary Members of the Society. Those chosen must be at least 75 years of age and have an outstanding record of service to the organization. Those honored were Mary Valentine for her service on the Nominating and Historic Preservation committees, and as a guide in the museum and volunteer in the research library for many years; John S. Greenleaf for his many years of service without compensation working on the electrical systems of the Society's two buildings; Bessie Bennett, who has assisted with mailings and exhibit preparations, cleaned the kitchen and museum, and provided food for numerous Society events; Blake MacKay, who has spent numerous volunteer hours on Building Committee and electrical projects. Each was presented with a handsome certificate suitable for framing.

Society Curator of Collections and Assistant Director Randall Bennett presented the 2003 Marjorie MacArthur Noll

Volunteer Service Award to Mary E. Valentine for her many years of service as a researcher, guide and committee member. In making the presentation, Bennett stressed her devotion to the Society that her parents helped found and how dedicated she was in helping researchers with the many historical questions posed each week.

Arlene Lowell, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers and trustee for consideration: president, Arlan Jodrey; vice president, Allan Cressy, secretary and clerk of the trustees, Susan Herlihy; treasurer, Walter Hatch, and trustee for three years, Dorothy Bartlett. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the slate was adopted unanimously. President Jodrey expressed deep appreciation to retiring trustee John Head for his fine service to the organization during the past three years.

Following adjournment of the annual meeting, Society Director Stanley R. Howe introduced the speaker of the evening. In his introductory remarks, Howe noted that Richard Fraser's knowledge of automobiles was legendary and how useful it has been through the years when the Society needed to know more about some historical photograph that happened to contain an automobile. Fraser presented his discussion of Maine-made automobiles with an outstanding collection of slides detailing the evolution of this form of transportation whose origins extended well back into the 19th century. Richard Fraser's presentation was one of the 2003 Lecture Series focusing on Maine transportation history made possible in part by a grant from New Century Community Program and the Maine Humanities Council.



MEMBER PROFILE

Jan Todd

Born in Wickford, RI, the daughter of Robert and Marie Millican, Jan Todd grew up in Winchester, MA and graduated from Winchester High School. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan with a degree in biology, she married John Todd in 1967. They are the parents of three children and two grandchildren. During her husband's naval career, she lived in Virginia, Hawaii, California, Florida, Rhode Island, and Washington, DC.

While living in Virginia, she became involved in the craft industry. Later she managed the Gould Academy bookstore. Subsequently, she operated a yarn shop in Bethel and in recent years worked at several Bethel area businesses.

At the Society, she has volunteered as a museum guide, assisted in the museum shop, demonstrated at craft and heritage events, recorded issues of *The Courier* for members with visual handicaps, and worked with Grace McKivergan in producing the new edition of the Society's cookbook.

She and her husband live on Paradise Road, Bethel.



Curator of Collections Randall Bennett presents the 2003 Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award to Mary Valentine at the 38th Annual Meeting.

New Life Members

Judy Lanore Pitts Hutchins, Gordon, NE

Richard A. Fraser, East Poland

Penelope Beckman, Litchfield, CT

Jeffrey G. and Susan L. Howe, New Plymouth, ID

2002 Financial Report



October 28, 2003

To the Board of Trustees
Bethel Historical Society
P.O. Box 12
Bethel, ME 04217

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of financial position of Bethel Historical Society, (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Bethel Historical Society.

A review consists principally of inquiries of organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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Exhibit A

Bethel Historical Society Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2002

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash	\$ 86,419
Certificates of deposit	32,799
Inventory	77,729
Total current assets	196,947

Land, Building and Equipment

763,347	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	359,200
	404,147

Other Assets:

Investments—Marketable securities	329,341
Restricted cash and certificates of deposit	183,988
Total other assets	513,329
Total assets	\$1,114,423

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 2,289
Accrued expenses	393
Total current liabilities	2,682

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	927,753
Temporarily restricted	67,268
Permanently restricted	116,720
Total net assets	1,111,741
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,114,423

Exhibit B

Bethel Historical Society Statement of Activities For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions	\$ 20,125	\$ 150	\$ 82,000	\$ 102,275
Grants	0	1,491	0	1,491
Dues	8,226	0	0	8,226
Admission and sales income	16,549	0	0	16,549
Capital campaign income	0	33,580	0	33,580
Rental income	320	0	0	320
Special event income	89,910	0	0	89,910
Less—Cost of special events	(91,077)	0	0	(91,077)
Investment income	20,720	1,260	0	21,980
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	9,992	(47)	0	9,945
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(17,272)	0	0	(17,272)
Net assets released from restrictions	18,288	(18,288)	0	0
Total support and revenue	75,781	18,146	82,000	175,927
Expenses:				
Program services	99,192	0	0	99,192
Supporting services	11,636	0	0	11,636
Total expenses	110,828	0	0	110,828
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (35,047)	\$ 18,146	\$ 82,000	\$ 65,099

Exhibit C

Bethel Historical Society Statement of Changes in Net Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, at January 1, 2002, as previously stated	\$ 1,043,597	\$ 3,045	\$ 0	\$ 1,046,642
Prior period adjustment	(80,797)	46,077	34,720	0
Balance, at January 1, 2002, as restated	962,800	49,122	34,720	1,046,642
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	(35,047)	18,146	82,000	65,099
Balance, at December 31, 2002	\$ 927,753	\$ 67,268	\$ 116,720	\$ 1,111,741

Exhibit D

Bethel Historical Society
Statement of Functional Expenses
For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Program Services	Supporting Services	Total
Advertising	\$ 538	\$ 0	\$ 538
Bank charges	0	250	250
Bookkeeping expense	0	492	492
Building maintenance	2,936	0	2,936
Depreciation	18,913	2,101	21,014
Director's expense	0	300	300
Dues	654	0	654
Heat, lights and water	7,746	0	7,746
Insurance	12,899	1,122	14,021
Janitorial services	1,354	0	1,354
Merchandise for resale	7,184	0	7,184
Miscellaneous	450	1,668	2,118
Office supplies and printing	8,072	897	8,969
Postage	2,801	311	3,112
Professional fees	0	2,200	2,200
Salaries	31,530	2,012	33,542
Taxes	2,958	154	3,112
Telephone	1,157	129	1,286
Total expenses	\$99,192	\$11,636	\$110,828

Exhibit E

Bethel Historical Society
Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Increase in net assets	\$ 65,099
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	21,014
Securities received as a donation	(2,091)
Gain on sale of securities	(9,945)
Unrealized loss on change in value of marketable securities	17,272
Decrease in operating assets--Inventory	1,281
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable	799
Accrued expenses	(2,207)
Net cash provided by operating activities	91,222

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Capital expenditures	(16,642)
Purchase of securities	(79,336)
Proceeds from the sale of securities	138,985
Net cash provided by investing activities	43,007

Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents

134,229

Cash and Cash Equivalents, at January 1, 2002

95,095

Cash and Cash Equivalents, at December 31, 2002

\$ 229,324

Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2002

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies**Organization's activities:**

The Organization is a society which promotes the preservation of the history of Bethel, Maine.

Basis of presentation:

In 1996, the Organization elected to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets--Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time.

Permanently restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

Expiration of donor-imposed restrictions:

The expiration of a donor-imposed restriction on a contribution or on endowment income is recognized in the period in which the restriction expires and at that time the related resources are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. A restriction expires when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Cash:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity date of three months or less to be cash or cash equivalents.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market value, with cost generally determined on the first-in, first-out method.

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NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**Land, building and equipment:**

Purchases of property are capitalized at cost. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Minor additions and replacements and routine repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give, due in the next year, are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give, due in subsequent years, are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

In-kind contributions:

Contributions of donated non-cash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

Advertising:

The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs among the public it serves. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$538 for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Income taxes:

No provision for income taxes has been made due to the Organization's tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Use of estimates:

The Organization uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTE 2: Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains all of its cash and cash equivalents at several financial institutions and in one nationally known money fund. The balance at each financial institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. The balance in the money fund is not covered by the FDIC. The Organization's uninsured cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2002 was \$102,165.

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NOTE 3: Land, Building and Equipment

	<u>Cost</u>
Land and building	\$578,621
Improvements	126,963
Equipment	<u>57,763</u>
	\$763,347

NOTE 4: Investments--Marketable Securities

Investments in securities are recorded at their fair values, which are based on quoted market prices for individual debt and marketable securities and published unit values for mutual funds. Purchased securities are recorded at cost as of their trade dates, donated securities are recorded at their market values on the dates received. Gains or losses from the sale of securities are determined by the specific identification method.

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Stocks	\$ 79,948	\$108,735
Bonds	210,996	220,606
Total marketable securities	<u>\$290,944</u>	<u>\$329,341</u>

Market value exceeds cost by \$38,397 at December 31, 2002.

NOTE 5: Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2002 were available for the following purposes:

Capital campaign	\$62,842
Mollycodd world exhibit	1,491
Scholarships	204
Miscellaneous preservation programs	<u>2,731</u>
	\$67,268

The investment income earned on the balances of permanently restricted net assets is restricted to the following uses at December 31, 2002:

Collections and preservation of buildings	\$ 85,000
Special event entitled "Sudbury Canada Days"	20,000
Plants for buildings and grounds	4,660
Scholarships	4,000
Books and genealogical materials	2,560
Nell award	<u>500</u>
	\$116,720

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NOTE 6: Release from Restrictions

Program restrictions were satisfied during the year ended December 31, 2002 by incurring expenses for the restricted purposes specified by the donors as follows:

Capital campaign	\$16,642
Special event entitled "Sudbury Canada Days"	1,114
Collections	250
Books and genealogical materials	98
Miscellaneous preservation programs	<u>184</u>
	\$18,288

NOTE 7: Prior Period Adjustment

During the year ended December 31, 2002, errors were discovered regarding the classification of net assets in prior years. At December 31, 2001, \$46,077 of temporarily restricted net assets and \$34,720 of permanently restricted net assets were inadvertently classified as unrestricted net assets. Adjustments related to correcting this error reduced unrestricted net assets by \$80,797 at December 31, 2001.

2 incubators. Finished siding. Put in some windows. Bob at So. Paris. April 5, Clear & cold. Hanging finish. Norway in p.m. Grange meeting in eve. April 6, Cold, squalls, gale force. Started shingling but too cold. Made & hung 2 doors & finish for same. Queen of the South degree in Bryant Pond in eve. April 7, Cloudy, cold. Worked on brooder house in a.m. Greenwood in p.m. George [Cole, his father-in-law] is feeling miserable. April 8, Snow. Shingled the roof & put in windows & doors. April 9, Clear & warm. Finished inside of house & moved chix in. Bob in Lewiston. April 10, Clear & warm. Moved 431 chix to cellar. Norway in p.m. Back slightly out. Bob in Portland. April 11, Clear & warm. Set 2 incubators. P.M. worked on Farwell's ceiling. Prof. Hanscom [Gould Academy retired principal] died this p.m. Mason meeting. April 12, Rain. Worked 2 hrs. for Farwell's. Norway in p.m. Snow is nearly gone down there. Plenty here. April 13, Snow. Nor'east blizzard. I'm in house with heavy cold. Cleaned 2 brooder houses. First robin. Think he must be half-witted. April 14, Cold, windy. Snow everywhere. Sick at home. April 15, Snow. Sick. April 16, Snow & rain. Sick in bed. April 17, Clearing. I'm up around. April 18, Clear & cold. Sick in bed. Crew hauling manure to Bean Place. Snow nearly covers the landscape. April 19, Rain after snow. Same as ever. April 20, Clear, cold. Nor'east wind. I'm up at last. Working on brooders. Weak as a kitten. April 21, Nor'east blizzard. Cold! Insured John [Howe's] house. Built 10 new mash hoppers. I'm improving, I hope. April 22, Stormy, cold. Cleaned brooders. Put up 15 cwt. seed spuds. Finished Farwell's ceiling. 6" in. snow fell since Sat. night. April 23, Cloudy. I wired for Fred [Haines]. Bob in Portland. Spuds \$1.20 per bu. April 24, Cloudy. Wired 8 hrs. Saw Canada greese. Party [cards] in eve. April 25, Clear, warm. 3 3/4 hr. wiring. Woodlot demonstration. Star meeting at W. Paris. April 26, Clear, cool. Started sawing wood. Norway in p.m. April 27, Clear & warm. Set last 2 incubators. Painted old separator. Repaired brooder house near garage. Mason meeting at Bryant Pond. October 28, Clear and warm. School water works, 1 hour. Greenwood. Yard is bare but lots of snow in sight. April 29, Clear, warm. Put up seed spuds. Sawed wood. Finished Farwell's ceiling. Moved chix. April 30, Clear, warm. Load [of] hay to Frank [Bean], 1870#, \$11. Pond cleared of ice. May 1, Clear, hot. Cleaned brooder. Put up 100 Reds (4 weeks old) for Stephen Abbott. Cruised L14R1&2 for Clarence Hall, 2 1/2 hr. Star meeting and rehearsal. May 2, Rain. Put up seed potatoes. May 3, Cloudy. Put up spuds in a.m. Norway in p.m. Car greased & oiled for summer 26, 3-? miles. May 4, Cloudy. Rain in p.m. Cleaned brooder. P.M. repaired Bab's bicycle & corn planter. May 5, Clearing. Repaired spreader. Cleaned brooder house. Put up 12 cwt. of seed for Sam Smith, no pay. Masonic funeral for Alton Bartlett. Bob Davis got chix. May 6, Clear, white frost. A.M. cruising for C. W. Hall on 14R1, 3 hrs. May 7, Clear, windy. Finished sawing wood. May 8, Clear & windy. Surveyed 8 hrs. for P. H. Chadbourne on south line of Lots 18 & 19 R 9 north of river. May 9, Clear, warm. Surveyed Dr. H. M. Wilson's house lot in Bethel village, 3 1/2 hr. May 10, Clear, windy. Connected pipe line. Norway in p.m.

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Diary of William S. Hastings

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1940-April 1, Cloudy, cool. Framed rafters & boarded roof. Studded ends. April 2, Cloudy, cool. Moved 439 chix [sic] to big house. Graded potatoes. Bob got the siding. April 3, Clear, warm. Bob in Portland. Spuds ave. \$2 per cwt. We [Dad and I] put siding on front & ends of house. Star meeting. April 4, Snow & rain. Set



David Walker looks on as his son Kyler turns the crank on the cider press during the Society's Apple and Pumpkin Festival in September.

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May 11, Clouding. Repaired corn planter. \$8 repairs. P.M. 3 hours for Clarence Hall on "Dole" Lot (18R5). May 12, Cold! Cloudy. Greenwood. Road is passable. May 13, Clear & warm. Moved 3 range shelters. 3 hrs. for Fred Haines, wiring. May 14, Clear, windy. Repaired spreader. P.M. 3 hrs. surveying for Ernest Bisbee on Round Pond camp lots. May 15, Clear, warm. Started another range shelter. Seeded 5 1/2 A oats on Mel Bean piece. May 16, Cloudy. Finished shelter. May 17, Rain. Connected pump at Coburn place. Norway in p.m. May 18, Clear, warm. Surveying for E. C. Lapham in 3 R 1 Greenwood. 7 1/2 hrs. \$6 & \$1 mileage. Paid. May 19, Clear, warm. Worked hard all day. May 20, Cloudy. Surveyed 5 1/2 hrs. for Lapham. Not paid potatoes \$2.10. May 21, Cloudy, cold. Put up spuds & cleaned incubators in a.m. Started planting potatoes in p.m. 1 A planted. May 22, Cloudy, cold. Planted 2 1/2 A done. Built range shelter. Moved last chix out of my cellar, 248. Bob's birthday May basket. May 23, Rain, cold. New roof on 2 range shelters. That is 7 in all. Ton hay to Frank Bean, \$10, paid \$2. Earl Brooks is working for us. May 24, Rain. Repaired all day. Crew hauled 33 spreader loads of manure by truck. Called on Frank Bean's folks in eve. May 25, Rain. Harrowed, seeded & dragged 5 1/4 A oats after 11 o'clock. Also spread manure, plowed, etc. "Drums Along the Mowhawk" [movie] in eve. May 26, Rain, clearing. Saw sun for 1st time in 7 days. Fenced. Greenwood in p.m. May 27, Clear. Planted spuds, 40 rows, 60 rods long. May 28, Rain. Ruth & I attended the Grand Chapter of O.E.S. at Portland. May 29, Clear, warm. Planted 36 rows. Bob in Portland. May 30, Clear, warm. Went to Woodlawn [Woodland] Cemetery in morning. Planted 30 rows of spuds. Ruth & Edward home at noon. May 31, Cloudy a.m. P.M. rain. Planted 20 rows. P.M. to Norway. Poured all night. Water everywhere. June 1, Clearing, warm. Put in service entrance for lights at Irvine Place. Measured land for Farwell, 10 A. 3 1/2 hrs. for John Irvine. June 2, Cloudy. Blazed line in Chadbourne's lot in

Mayville, 2 1/2 hr. & \$1 for mileage. June 3-4 [no entries] June 5, Clear. Planting. June 6, Clear, windy, Gale! Planted spuds. All seed is in, 4 1/2 A. Repaired screens. June 7, Clear, cool. Fenced, etc. Norway in p.m. Looked up deeds for Lapham, 2 hrs. June 8, Cloudy, cool. Finished planting. Potatoes, 19.5 A; Oats 10.75 A; Ensilage corn, 2.25 A. Planted 1 A spuds for Noyes. June 9, Cloudy, wet. I followed Bethel-Newry line from Newry Corner to Chapman Brook. June 10, Cloudy, misty. Chained & surveyed for Fred Edwards in 19 & 20 R2 Bethel, 7 hours. June 11, Clear. Planted garden. June 12, Cloudy. Surveyed Dr. Swett's house lot. June 13, Cloudy. Dug cellar under brooder house [at Coburn place]. June 14, Clear & cool. Dug cellar a.m. Norway in p.m. June 15, Cloudy, rain, clear. Surveyed for Gene Burns in 7 R 7, 3 1/2 hrs. Running cement wall in cellar. June 16, Clear & warm. We went to Cannon Mt., N.H. & home via Franconia Notch, Lake Winnepesaukee, Wolfboro, Ossipee, Fryeburg, 250 miles after 11 a.m. June 17, Clear & cool. Cellar job. June 18, More cellar. June 19, Clear & hot. Cellar. Running floor. June 20, Rain. Finished most of the floor. June 21, Clear & cold. Searched records in a.m. Tested my transit on the Paris Hill median 18 [degrees] 10 [minutes] W. P.M. surveyed Ashton's house lot. June 22, Cold, windy. 3 hrs. for Edwards & 5 hrs. for Valentine in Moose Bog. June 23, Cold, cloudy. Fixed electric fence. Greenwood. Family climbed Overset Mt. from the Pond side. June 24, Clear. Plowed rye in on Horse Pasture. About 6 ft. high, some above top of the tractor radiator. June 25, Cloudy, cold. 3 hrs. for Fred Haines. P.M. school of instruction for Star at Norway. Home at 1 a.m. June 26, Rain. 8 hours plumbing & carpenter work for Fred Haines. June 27, Cloudy, cold. 3 1/2 hrs. for Fred. P.M. finished cellar wall on brooder house. June 28, Clear, warm. Dressed 8 chickens. Norway in p.m. Surveyed 1 hr. for Ashton. Star at B. Pond in eve. June 29, Cloudy, warm. Worked 7 1/2 hrs. for Fred. Finished pipes. Bethel in eve. 2 new Goodyear all-weather tires \$11 per pair & old tires. Mileage 28,617 miles. June 30, Showers. Repaired porch screens. Greenwood in p.m.

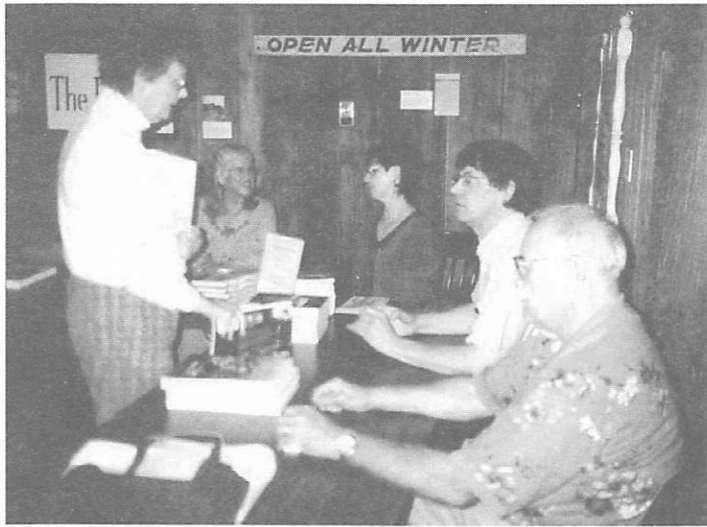
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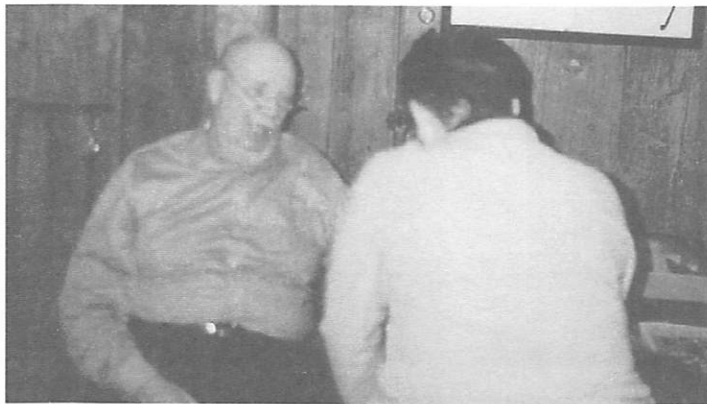
A gathering of the Hasting family poses in front the homestead at East Bethel, ca. 1938. Front row, Barbara Hastings [Honkala], Ruth Hastings, Edward Hastings, Virginia Hastings [Gamble], Robert Warren Hastings, Carol Bettinger, Mary Alice Hastings [Bancroft]. Back row: William Straw Hastings, Rodney K. Howe, George K. Hastings, Agnes Howe Bettinger, Robert D. Hastings, Elizabeth Howe [Stedman].



Bruce Towl, who prepared the current exhibit, "Wood and Woods: Stepping Toward A Middle Ground," stands beside a cross section of a pine dating back to 1730. The exhibit will be at the O'Neil Robinson House until the spring of 2004



Society trustee Barbara Lapham discusses books with authors Pat Stewart (Mollyockett), Randy Bennett (The White Mountains: Alps of New England), and Bob Spidell (Pynelis Journals) at the October book signing held in conjunction with Mason Philip Smith's lecture.



Mason Philip Smith, co-author of *The Great Gale of 1898* and the *Loss of the Steamer Portland* and speaker on that topic at the fourth in the 2003 Society Lecture Series focusing on Maine Transportation, discusses his book with a customer. His appearance in Bethel was made possible in part by a grant from the New Century Community Program and the Maine Humanities Council.

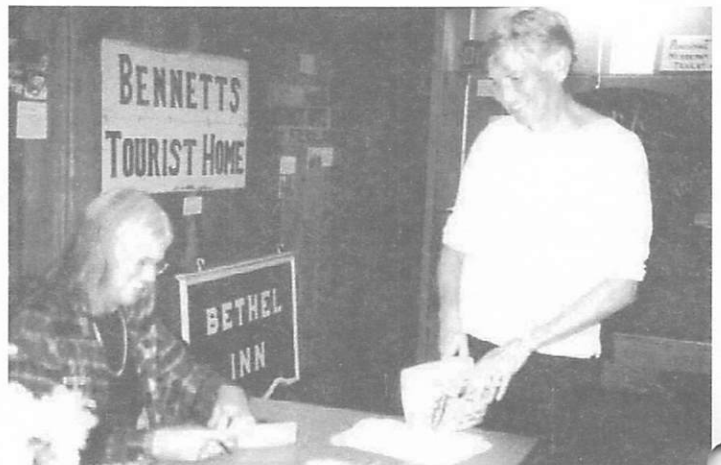
Photo Gallery



The O'Neil Robinson House (1821) following the removal of the 1930s "motel" addition in October 2003. The Robinson House now awaits funding for the restoration of its connected farm buildings (ell and barn) to return it to its 19th century appearance, which will architecturally compliment the Society's other building, the Dr. Moses Mason House (1813).



The removal of the 1930s "motel" addition to the historic O'Neil Robinson House was completed in October 2003.



Pat Stewart autographs a copy of her novel *Mollyockett* for Rose Mary McLean at the Dr. Moses Mason Exhibit Hall during the annual Apple and Pumpkin Festival.

House and Garden Tour Set for June 18-19, 2004

A House and Garden tour featuring a dozen historic and new homes, most of which are within walking distance of the Bethel Common will be held on June 18 & 19, 2004 to benefit the Society's capital campaign. Anyone wishing to participate by opening his or her historic or new home to the public during these two days is urged to call Virginia Hastings Gamble at 824-7340. Volunteers are also needed to serve as hosts and hostesses. Those willing to participate in this role should call Jan Stowell at 824-2676. Susan Herlihy is in charge of the luncheon on both days. Those willing to give her a hand should call 824-3932.

In Memoriam

Died, 13 June 2003, James Locke, Topeka, KS, Senior Member
Died, 31 October 2003, Mary A. Mills, Greenwood, Life Member

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It seems safe to say that no one has collected, annotated, and published a wider diversity of photographs depicting work in Maine in two remarkable volumes than Bill Bunting. His eye for the unusual, the epical, and the transfixing image of Maine people at work is phenomenal. Anyone perusing these two volumes cannot help but be struck with wonder that he has managed to assemble such outstanding and captivating photographs. Even more enticing, he has annotated each one with text that is both succinct and revealing. From corn shop crews to hop pickers to granite craftsmen, he has provided insights into almost all occupations and in the process given the reader an informed grasp of Maine life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Bethel readers will be pleased to see there are several references to the town in the text and several photos in Volume II. These unique volumes are a definite "must" for anyone interested in the Maine past. Those of us who have eagerly studied them are indebted to Bill Bunting for making them available.

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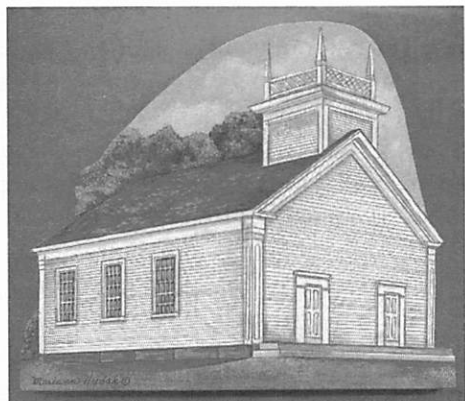
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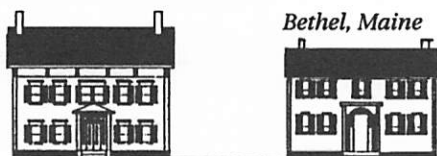
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